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**TESTIMONIAL  
RESOLUTIONS  
AND SPECIAL  
PRIVILEGE**

# Testimonial Resolution

## DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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CLEAN 2019 MAY 15 PM 1:15

- WHEREAS** The Detroit Historical Society was founded in 1921 with the mission of preserving the history of our region. In 1928, the Detroit Historical Museum was established in order to continue the preservation of the region's history through the collection and conservation of artifacts; **and**
- WHEREAS** The Detroit Historical Society recently made the decision to become more engaging and inclusive with the community within Detroit. In 2015, "Detroit 67" was launched as a long-term effort to engage community partners. A new staff was augmented and Marlowe Stoudamire became the Detroit 67 Project Director. His goal is to forge new relationships and commemorate Detroit 67 city-wide while implementing new and permanent programs. Detroit 67 is designed to cultivate diversity as the City continues to grow more diverse; **and**
- WHEREAS** The Detroit Historical Society welcomed Elana Rugh as the new Chief Executive Officer in July of 2018. She has promulgated a commitment to diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion throughout the organization to reflect the citizens of Detroit. These new goals within the museum were initiated as a result of the early work on Detroit 67 that catapulted a significant focus for the society; **and**
- WHEREAS** The Detroit Historical Society has received numerous prestigious awards due to its new commitment to inclusion. In 2017 they received the "Peninsulas Prize" from the Michigan Museums Association and the Historical Society of Michigan State History Award for Detroit 1967: Origins, Impacts and Legacies. During 2018 they were awarded five more recognitions: the National Medal, Leadership in History Award, Library of Michigan's Notable Book Award, and the Midwest History Association's 2018 Hamlin Garland Prize in Popular History; **and**
- WHEREAS** The Detroit Historical Society throughout the years have preserved our history with excellence. Their commitment to the community is a pillar of inclusion and should be used as a catalyst for diversity and accessibility throughout the City of Detroit: **THEREFORE, BE IT**
- RESOLVED** That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and Detroit City Council commends The Detroit Historical Society for putting the community first. Thank you for your commitment to diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion throughout the organization and exhibits. May God continue to bless your endeavors in the future.

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## Terri "Diviniti" Smith

Singer and Song-writer

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- WHEREAS** Terri "Diviniti" Smith a Grammy nominated singer and song-writer has established herself as a pioneer in the techno and house music industry in the City of Detroit and internationally. She is an integral part of the city's musical rebirth that occurred during the 1980s. Her music has uplifted people with its incorporation of tasteful word-play and its distinctive sound; **and**
- WHEREAS** Terri "Diviniti" Smith has many profound collaborations with fellow artists. She collaborated with notable producers such as; Louie Vega, Charles Webster, Josh Milan, Shuya Okino and Andy Compton. Several world renowned DJs have selected her music for their compilations. She is also a songwriter for artists such as: Les Nubians, Pirahnahead, and most notably, "Everlasting Love" for Louie Vega's album, which gained her a Grammy nomination; **and**
- WHEREAS** Terri "Diviniti" Smith has had a substantial amount of powerful performances within the City of Detroit and many other major cities, both nationally and internationally. Over the years she performed during festivals in Chicago, New York City and Miami. She has also performed in the City of Calabria, in Italy, Lucerne, in Switzerland, and Tokyo, the capital of Japan just to name a few. With her noteworthy accomplishments she has paved the way for other artists; **and**
- WHEREAS** Terri "Diviniti" Smith has a passion for improving the lives of children through education. For twenty-two years she has been an educator in the Detroit Public School Community District. She obtained a Bachelor of Science and Master's degree in Elementary Education from Wayne State University; **and**
- WHEREAS** Terri "Diviniti" Smith established a nonprofit organization called "The Little Bit Project Group, Incorporated." This organization has delivered more than 300 bags to women who are homeless or in crisis that do not have access to sanitary products through the ~~positive~~ campaign. Citizens of Detroit are proud to call Diviniti one of our own; **THEREFORE, BE IT**
- RESOLVED** That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and the Detroit City Council recognizes Terri "Diviniti" Smith for her contributions as an artist to the techno musical scene in Detroit and beyond. May God continue to bless your musical and philanthropic endeavors.

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## Norm Talley

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**WHEREAS**

Norm Talley was born in the late 1960's and was raised in the City of Detroit. He received his formal education from Cerveney Middle School and Cooley High School; **and**

**WHEREAS**

Norm Talley was greatly influenced by his mentor Ken Collier. His music has roots in jazz, soul, funk and disco. His DJ style is full of soul penetrating percussions and soulful vocal melodies. He started DJing in the 1980s at high school parties, backyard get downs, and a variety of halls. As his popularity grew he began organizing his own parties; **and**

**WHEREAS**

Norm Talley spun at legendary dance clubs in Detroit such as The Loft, Heaven, Club 246, Club Taboo and Onstage in Motown just to name a few. Over the span of fifteen years he influenced the airwaves in Detroit and Windsor as a DJ with CJAM 91.5 FM, WDTR 90.9 FM, WGPR 107.5 FM and WHPR 88.7 FM. The debut of his first album Norm-A-Lize was in 2017. This was a compilation of soul, disco and jazz; **and**

**WHEREAS**

Norm Talley is known as the Silent Warrior in the DJ community. His energetic style has been shared with venues from around the world. He even hosted sets at clubs in France, Italy, Spain, Montreal, Toronto, Paris and Switzerland. He has played at popular dance spots such as the Panorama Bar in Berlin, Germany, Fabric in London, and Output in New York; **and**

**WHEREAS**

Norm Talley is the creator of his own label called Upstairs Asylum. He also has new releases on Suddwax, Landed, FXHE, Bass Culture, Mixmode, and Detroit Wax. His influence in music can be seen throughout the Detroit dance scenery and abroad; **THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**

**That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and the Detroit City Council** recognizes **Norm Talley** for his contributions as a DJ and influencer in modern music. May God continue to bless your future endeavors.

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## ADRIEL THORNTON

## WHEREAS

Adriel Thornton has established himself as a global leader in creative arts and event production. Born and raised in Northwest Detroit he is an entrepreneur who has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan; **and**

## WHEREAS

Adriel Thornton started his career as a promoter by distributing flyers for parties and night clubs during the early 1990s. Since then he has produced hundreds of events, global festivals, award winning night clubs, screenings and more; **and**

## WHEREAS

Adriel Thornton has spoken on panels for South by Southwest, Cinetopia, Model D and was recently selected to be the representative of Detroit's entrepreneurial and creative class for Virgin Airlines with co-hosts Bridgette Russo (Shinola), Dan Gilbert (Quicken Loans) and Richard Branson (Virgin). He is also instrumental with the production of popular events in Detroit such as the Detroit Electronic Music Festival, Dally in the Alley, Eastern Market After Dark, Dine Drink Detroit and the Knight Arts Challenge Award Ceremony. In 2000 his club event, FAMILY, was voted "Best Club Night in America"; **and**

## WHEREAS

Adriel Thornton is an entrepreneur that founded "FreshCorp" in 2004 in order to promote events for himself. By 2007 he established "Fresh Media Group", an event production company specializing in electronic, hip hop and indie music events. He also created Nations United, Divisions Extinct (NUDE Magazine) and his own clothing line and store called Space 19; **and**

## WHEREAS

Adriel Thornton is a global leader in creative arts and event production. He is a true Detroit ambassador of cultural goodwill. His productions in Detroit are well attended as they give participants a taste of cultural diversity while having fun; **THEREFORE, BE IT**

## RESOLVED

**That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and the Detroit City Council recognizes Adriel Thornton** for his contributions as a promoter in Detroit. May God continue to bless your future endeavors.

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## ANGELA VINCENT

"DJ Lynda Carter"

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- WHEREAS** Angela Vincent was born into a military family in Wiesbaden, West Germany to John and Jaunice Wright. Her family moved to Detroit, Michigan when she was nine years of age. Here she attended the Detroit Public School System graduating from Henry Ford High School; **and**
- WHEREAS** Angela Vincent pursued her education at Western Michigan University. There she earned an undergraduate Degree in Secondary Education and a Master's in Education with a concentration in Instructional Technology. While in college she began DJing and became known to many as DJ Lynda Carter. While in college she gained two years of on-air radio experience and spent one year with a local television station. She also pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and held positions of Parliamentarian, Communications Chair and Leader of Minerva Circle; **and**
- WHEREAS** Angela Vincent became a well-known spinster opening up for acts such as John Legend, Alicia Keys, Marsha Ambrosius, and Erykah Badu to name a few. Her list of corporate clients includes Toyota, Dub Magazine, Lord and Taylor, Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan and more; **and**
- WHEREAS** Angela Vincent has been DJing and coordinating events for the past ten years. She has shared her talent with events such as the National Football League Style Lounge, International Auto Show, opening DJ act for Dwele, the Alicia Keys Concert After Party, and Baileys Get Together featuring John Legend & Corrine Bailey Rae NYE Cleveland Toast opening up for Biz Markie, and Ephiphany After Party featuring Chrisette Michele; **and**
- WHEREAS** Angela Vincent is also an entrepreneur. She is a licensed broker, investor and owner of two barlounques; Mix Bricktown and Lockeroom both in Detroit. She completed the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Program and currently on track to complete the Leadership Detroit Class XL; **THEREFORE, BE IT**
- RESOLVED** That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and the Detroit City Council recognizes Angela Vincent for her contribution as an artist and entrepreneur in the City of Detroit. We are proud to call her Detroit's Wonder Woman of Vinyl. May God continue to bless your musical and entrepreneurial endeavors.

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## JOSEPH ANTHONY FIDDLER

"Amp Fiddler"

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**WHEREAS**

Joseph "Amp" Fiddler was born 1965 in Detroit, Michigan. He is the product of the influential Motown and Techno sound created in Detroit. Giving in to his love of music he learned to play the piano at an early age. Later he studied music at Oakland and Wayne State Universities and was mentored by jazz great Harold McKinney; **and**

**WHEREAS**

Joseph "Amp" Fiddler has been shaping modern music for over thirty years. He is a singer, songwriter, keyboardist, and record producer. His musical style includes funk, soul, and electronica music. From 1985 to 1996 he toured with George Clinton's Parliament Funkadelic groups. He also contributed to the band Enchantment; **and**

**WHEREAS**

Joseph "Amp" Fiddler has played with music greats such as Prince, Maxwell, the Brand New Heavies, Ramsey Lewis, the Dramatics, Primal Scream, Was (Was Not) and Too Short. He has also worked with Detroit Techno and electronic music artists including Mike Banks, Jeff Mills, Carl Craig, Rob Hood and Louis Vega, Laurent Garnier, and Kraftwerk; **and**

**WHEREAS**

Joseph "Amp" Fiddler with the assistance of his bass-playing brother Thomas "Bubz" Fiddler, released "With Respect" on Elektra as Mr. Fiddler in 1990. By January 2004 he released his first solo album, "Waltz of a Ghetto Fly". Another solo album, "Afro Strut" was released in 2006 in the United Kingdom; **and**

**WHEREAS**

Joseph "Amp" Fiddler is constantly requested on international tours. His unique musical style is appreciated by citizens in Detroit as well as abroad; **THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**

**That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and the Detroit City Council recognizes Joseph Anthony Fiddler** for his contribution as an international musical artist. May God continue to bless your musical endeavors.

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## RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

## HON. DAMON JEROME KEITH

- WHEREAS,** We, the members of the Detroit City Council, solemnly pause today to recognize and bestow homage upon the late legendary **Hon. Judge Damon Jerome Keith**, a devoted husband, beloved father, grandfather, mentor, friend and Senior Judge of the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, who made his heavenly transition on April 28, 2019. **Judge Keith** was the longest-serving black judge in the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** A grandson of slaves, **Damon Jerome Keith** was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Independence Day July 4, 1922. He was the youngest of seven children born to Perry and Annie Keith. His father moved the family from Georgia in the 1920s to get a job at a Ford plant, earning \$5-per-day as a foundry worker. **Judge Keith's** inspiration began with the vital lessons he learned from his father who was also a real estate business owner. Perry Keith taught his son that he was somebody; to love your family; and to work hard for it. He insisted that college was in his son's future. **Keith** graduated from Northwestern High School in 1939. He then moved on to West Virginia State College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943. **Keith** served in a segregated Army unit during World War II, from 1943 to 1946. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. His aspiration to become a lawyer was partly sparked by the racism he experienced when he came home from his wartime service, having to still ride on the back of the bus, drink from separate water fountains and use separate bathrooms, and not being able to go into restaurants. **Keith** enrolled at Howard University School of Law where he received a Bachelor of Laws in 1949. There, he studied under the renowned civil rights warrior, Thurgood Marshall, who later became the first African-American U.S. Supreme Court Justice. Marshall showed **Keith** how to use the courts and the U.S. constitution to battle segregation and Jim Crow laws. After graduating from Howard, **Keith** worked as a janitor at the Detroit News while studying for his bar exam. He became a clerk for Loomis, Jones, Piper & Colden, a black law firm and later returned to the firm as a lawyer. **Keith** received a Master's in Law in 1956 from Wayne State University and in 1964 opened his own law firm, which eventually became known as Keith, Conyers, Anderson, Brown & Wahls; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1953, **Damon J. Keith** was united in marriage to Rachel Boone. Born in Monrovia, Liberia, Rachel broke racial and gender barriers, earning a medical degree from Boston University in 1949. Dr. Rachel Keith worked at Detroit Receiving Hospital and later opened her own practice. To this union three daughters were born: Cecile Keith Brown, Debbie Keith and Gilda Keith. They were the proud grandparents of two granddaughters, Nia Keith Brown and Camara Keith Brown. His beloved wife of fifty-three years, Rachel Boone Keith, made her transition in 2007; and
- WHEREAS,** **Keith** served as a Wayne County Commissioner (1958-63), president of the Detroit Housing Commission (1958-67) and co-chair of Michigan's first Civil Rights Commission (1964-67). In 1967, he was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan by President Lyndon Johnson. **Keith**, who served as chief judge of the district court, was elevated to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth District in 1977 by President Jimmy Carter. Serving more than fifty years in the federal courts, **Judge Keith** was one of the most influential Federal jurists of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. His rulings in a string of high-profile cases catapulted him to the status of national civil rights icon. In 1970, when **Keith** was a U.S. District Court judge, he ordered citywide busing to desegregate public schools in Pontiac, Michigan. It was the first decision on federal court-ordered busing outside of southern states, and prompted serious death threats. In 1971, **Judge Keith** made another groundbreaking decision, finding that the city of Hamtramck, Michigan, illegally destroyed black neighborhoods to make way for the Chrysler Freeway in the name of urban renewal, with the federal government's help. That same year, he captured the nation's attention again with the wiretapping case against President Richard Nixon's administration. **Judge Keith** ruled that Nixon's attorney general had to disclose the transcripts of illegal wiretaps that were authorized without first obtaining a search warrant. He also upheld Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young's affirmative action program, which desegregated the city's mostly white police force; and
- WHEREAS,** **Judge Keith** received more than forty honorary degrees and some of the highest accolades from civic, academic and civil rights organizations across the country. He also received the Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award, the highest award that can be bestowed on a member of the federal judiciary. In 2011, Wayne State opened the **Damon J. Keith** Center for Civil Rights in the university's law school. In later years, **Judge Keith** hosted his popular annual Soul Food Luncheon to honor an African-American leader for contributions to the community. **Judge Damon Jerome Keith** has left his indelible mark on the Detroit community and beyond. He has been a good servant and ensured that the values and traditions by which he lived, would exist in the hearts of those he cherished for years to come. *"He did the best he could with his God-given talent, and he used his life and the law to try to make things better for all Americans."* – Judge Damon Jerome Keith. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Council and office of Council President Brenda Jones, joins with family and friends in honoring the life and legacy of **Judge Damon Jerome Keith**. He will be greatly missed and his contributions and the lessons he taught will live on forever.

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**Detroit's Day of the Young Child**

- WHEREAS,** April 27, 2019 was designated as Detroit's Day of the Young Child (DDYC) by Hope Starts Here – Detroit's Early Childhood Partnership. Hope Starts Here (HSH) is Detroit's Early Childhood Partnership that has engaged families, businesses, child education and health experts, and the larger community in creating a vision to ensure that children are born healthy, prepared for kindergarten, and on track for success by third grade and beyond; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Through DDYC, Hope Starts Here works to ensure access to high quality child care for all families. Increasing the quality, quantity and accessibility of child care programs helps families work, helps child care businesses grow, helps the child care workforce advance and helps the next generation of workers be prepared for school and life; **and**
- WHEREAS,** In November of 2016, Hope Starts Here launched a wide scale one-year community engagement, advocacy and strategic planning process with three goals: 1. To create a vision of what early childhood could look like in Detroit; 2. To develop a community framework to make that vision a reality; 3. To inspire people across the city to get involved and bring that community framework to life; **and**
- WHEREAS,** The Hope Starts Here plan was developed because over 6,000 people shared ideas of what Detroit can do to help children grow up healthy and happy in the city. The community framework developed five policy priorities that are imperative to the success of our young children: 1. Support parents and caregivers as children's first teachers and champions; 2. Increase the overall quality of Detroit's early childhood programs; 3. Guarantee safe and inspiring learning environments for our children; 4. Create tools and resources to better coordinate systems that impact early childhood; 5. Find new ways to fund early childhood education and make better use of current resources; **and**
- WHEREAS,** On Detroit's Day of the Young Child, families can celebrate their children like Mothers are celebrated on Mother's Day and Fathers are celebrated on Father's Day. Detroiters are encouraged to help Hope Starts Here create an advocacy network that puts our young children and families first; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Parents and caregivers play the most important role in a child's life. It's going to take all of us to make Detroit a city where CHILDREN THRIVE! **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the **Detroit City Council** and office of **Council President Brenda Jones**, encourages all citizens to champion early childhood in the City of Detroit.

*Mary Sheffield*  
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*Andre J. Spivey*  
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*J. H.*  
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January 29, 1934 -- April 26, 2019

**WHEREAS** Lorenzo Julius Shelton was born Monday, January 29, 1934 in Detroit, MI to the late Reverend Alexander Alfred and Harriett Ophilena Shelton. He was one of eight children. Lorenzo, known to his family affectionately as "Lo", was raised in Detroit, MI. At the age of 16, Lorenzo graduated *Summa Cum Laude* from Miller High School, Class of 1950. After a high school oratorical competition, Lorenzo was sought after by the Domestic Outfitting Company, where he worked as a salesman for two years. In 1952, at the age of 18, Lorenzo passed two apprenticeship exams for electrical operator and mechanical operator, which launched his engineering career. While serving as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Stationary Engineer for the Department of Public Works, Lorenzo attended Wayne State University. Shortly after his college enrollment, Lorenzo was drafted into the distinguished 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division of the U.S. Army, and was honorably discharged from Active Duty in November 1958; **and**

**WHEREAS** Upon his arrival back to Michigan, Lorenzo quickly passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Stationary Engineer Exam and was transferred to the Eastside Asphalt Plant. Always evolving, Lorenzo swiftly advanced to 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stationary Engineer and Boiler Inspector, which was very rare for an African-American to achieve due to racial discriminatory practices within the region. This reality did not stop him from receiving high scores on additional exams, resulting in a promotion to General Operating Foreman at the Housing Commission Parkside Projects. After a few years as General Inspector, Lorenzo was appointed to Modernization and Rehabilitation Coordinator for the Detroit Housing Commission, where he received accolades for his talent as a specification writer; **and**

**WHEREAS** Lorenzo received multiple certificates and licenses in an array of disciplines. From the City of Detroit, he was licensed as a Reciprocal Heating Contractor, Mechanical Contractor Supervisor, and held a **1<sup>st</sup> Class Stationary Engineer License** from the Building, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department in Detroit, he held a **1<sup>st</sup> Class Stationary Engineer License** from Dearborn making him the 1<sup>st</sup> African-American to receive this distinction. He received a Residential Builder License and Mechanical Contractor License from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Additionally, Lorenzo held a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stationary Steam Engineer License from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance. From Ferris State University, he was awarded an HVAC License with a specialty in Refrigerant Transition and Recovery and was certified as a Universal Technician. Later, he received a certificate of completion from the Builder License Training Institute. With his rich experience as a Stationary Engineer, Lorenzo shared his knowledge as a trade instructor at Wayne State University; **and**

**WHEREAS** Lorenzo valued faith, family, and education. As an active member of Plymouth United Church of Christ, he reared his children in Christianity. Lorenzo traveled the U.S. with the United Youth for Christ Choir (UYCC), under the direction of Clarence VanWiegerden. With UYCC, Lorenzo sang baritone for the multiracial 1000 Voice Ensemble. Additionally, Lorenzo thoroughly enjoyed spending time with family, including the infamous annual Shelton Christmas Gathering where family throughout the states would gather to celebrate our faith and family; **and**

**WHEREAS** Lorenzo understood the importance of education, literacy, grammar, and mathematics instilled by his parents. As a result, Lorenzo imparted this message with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Always supporting his lineage's educational and extra-curricular interests, while attending scholastic and extra-curricular activities, and he never forgot to acknowledge a special event with his legendary "Hallmark card"; **and**

**WHEREAS** Lorenzo's legacy of promoting scholarly pursuits propelled the founding of Serendipity, Collage, and Potpourri (SCP), a non-profit whose flagship donation drive provides backpacks and supplies to underserved youth in Southeastern Michigan. Lorenzo co-founded SCP with his daughter, Judith Shelton. Additionally, he served as Director of Operations and grant writer for the United Generation Council Theatrical Troupe (UGCTT), where his daughter, Deirdre Young (Shelton), served as youth director. UGCTT carried a message of Anti-Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs throughout southeast Michigan at local community centers, churches, and summer youth events. Lorenzo knew that education was the foundation for a bright future, which thrust his unwavering support for both non-profit's mission to uplift Detroit-area youth; **and**

**WHEREAS** Lorenzo Julius Shelton passed away peacefully on Friday, April 26, 2019 in Southfield after a short illness. Left to cherish his memory are his children, Glenn (Artis Shelton); grandson, Joshua; great-grandson, Joshua Jeremiah; Julian (Annette Rainwater); grandson, Julian II; and daughter-in-law, Debra; Judith "Judy"(Emceria Shelton-Mayberry); grandson, K'Savion; Lorenzo II and Lorenzo III (Virginia Shelton) who both preceded him in death; Deirdre (Virginia Shelton); grandchildren, Charles IV & Sienna; and son-in-law, Charles III; his stepdaughters Karen (Emceria Shelton-Mayberry) and Michele (Virginia Shelton); his siblings, Ophilena Shelton-Mann, Tedd Shelton, and siblings who preceded him in death including Alexander, Jr; Sylvester; Sylvia; Dewey; and Parthina; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and a multitude of friends. Lorenzo will be deeply missed by his family and friends who adored, respected, and loved him. **NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE**

**RESOLVED** That Councilman Gabe Leland and Members of Detroit City Council hereby join family and friends in celebrating the life and legacy of **Lorenzo Julius Shelton**. May the memories of his love, faith, and hard work be cherished always and continue to fill the hearts of his many love ones. In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps. Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)